## Air Resources Board



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DATE: Mail-Out #MSC 16-03 March 15, 2016

TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION FOR OPPORTUNITIES FOR

OVERCOMING BARRIERS TO ZERO AND NEAR-ZERO EMISSION

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS STUDY

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) invites you to participate in a roundtable discussion for the Overcoming Barriers to Zero and Near-Zero Emission Transportation Options study.

The roundtable will be held at the following time and place:

Date: Wednesday, March 30, 2016

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Cal/EPA Headquarters Building Place:

Sierra Hearing Room, 2nd Floor

1001 I Street

Sacramento, California 95814

A teleconference will be available during the roundtable for those unable to attend in person.

> Teleconference Information Dial-In Number: (888) 831-8967

Passcode: 1106975

Materials for this meeting will be posted prior to the roundtable on ARB's website at http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/transoptions/transoptions.htm.

Background: In October 2015, Governor Jerry Brown signed Senate Bill (SB) 350 (De León, Chapter 547, Statutes of 2015) which established world-leading energy efficiency and renewable energy goals for California. This bill also highlighted the need for a better understanding of the barriers faced by low-income consumers to access zero and near-zero emission transportation options. SB 350 charged ARB, in consultation with the California Energy Commission and other relevant State and local agencies and the public, with developing and publishing a study on or before January 1, 2017, outlining the barriers faced by low-income consumers, including those

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: http://www.arb.ca.gov.

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in disadvantaged communities, to access zero and near-zero emission transportation options. The study will also include recommendations on how to reduce those barriers and increase access.

To address the statutory requirements, ARB will develop a study laid out as a guidance document that paves the way for further research on zero and near-zero emission transportation options in low-income and disadvantaged communities and provides a "road map" for the future with policy recommendations.

## Meeting Information

The purpose of this roundtable is to collaboratively discuss:

- Proposed scope of barriers and opportunities.
- Timing and availability of resources.
- Continued public process for the development of the guidance document.

The format of the roundtable will be informal. Open discussion is encouraged throughout the meeting. Multiple speakers will be presenting their thoughts on this effort at the beginning to frame the discussion. The majority of the time is being allotted for stakeholder feedback on the scope of the study.

## Special Accommodations

If you require a special accommodation or need this document in an alternate format (i.e. Braille, large print) or another language, please contact Ms. Ashley Dunn, Air Pollution Specialist, at (626) 459-4385 or <a href="mailto:Ashley.Dunn@arb.ca.gov">Ashley.Dunn@arb.ca.gov</a> as soon as possible, but no later than 10 business days before the scheduled meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

Para solicitar comodidades especiales o documentos en otro idioma, por favor llame a Ms. Ashley Dunn, especialista en contaminantes atmosfericos, lo más pronto possible al siguente numero: (626) 459-4385. Favor de marcar por lo menos diez dias habiles antes del día programado para la discussion de mesa redonda con agentes del Consejo de Recursos Atmosfericos (ARB, siglas en Ingles). TTY/TDD/Personas necesitando este servicio pueden marcar al 711 para el Servicio de Retransmisión de Mensajes de California.

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If you have questions regarding the roundtable or would like to submit written feedback directly to ARB, please contact Ms. Ashley Dunn, Air Pollution Specialist, at (626) 459-4385 or <a href="mailto:Ashley.Dunn@arb.ca.gov">Ashley.Dunn@arb.ca.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

/s/

Jack Kitowski, Chief Mobile Source Control Division

cc: Ms. Ashley Dunn
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